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Reds Not Ready, Experts Say By Lyle C. Wilson



ROBERT AMORY JR. probably is the second-best or third-best informed American on what the Russian communists are doing, thinking and planning.

Mr. Amory is deputy chief for intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). CIA is the United States spy apparatus or, in more polite language, it is a counter-intelligence organization.

This well-informed American was making a speech the other day in Columbia, S. C. Mr. Amory's speech did not get the publicity it deserved despite the fact that what he had to say was pretty good news for U. S. citizens.

His story was that the Soviet Union is neither ready nor preparing for a war; that the Kremlin does not want a war altho communist Russia would fight if it must. Mr. Amory said the Russian leaders decided 18 months ago that their communist economy had to have 15 years of peace to achieve their internal development plans.

"Their economy is by no means mobilized for war or preparing for war," Mr. Amory said. "They strike a balance between military and other expenditures just as we do."

During the 15 years of peace which Mr. Amory is convinced the Soviet Union must have and urgently wants, the CIA expects the Kremlin to follow this general pattern:

- Play its sputnik diplomacy to the limit.

- Stand pat against all pressure in the areas now dominated by communism.

- Insist either upon two-nation talks between the Soviet Union and the United States or demand that satellite powers sit beside Soviet conferees in numbers equal to the number of Allies sitting beside the Americans.

- Maintain at high pitch the work of trouble-making among the peoples of non-communist nations.

- But soften this fifth column activity with some show of willingness to co-operate with governments over which the Kremlin exercises no control.

- Continue an effective foreign policy of "no strings" foreign aid toward nations which neither are communist allies nor expected to become allies.

Mr. Amory evidently believes events of the next 15 years largely will shape the long-haul pattern of the future, war or peace or whatever.

"We face a race for leadership in the world against militant communists with fervent faith," he said. "We must never tempt them into a major military path while letting down our strength (altho) they haven't got what it takes rationally to challenge us this spring."

Mr. Amory said the Russian leaders had no doubts on the future. In a comparatively short time they are confident that the Soviet Union will be tops—world-wise.